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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Norridge Park District; and

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WHEREAS, On September 25, 1955, at the last regular meeting of the Norridge Improvement Party Club, a motion was passed by its members to take action on a proposed Park District for the Village of Norridge; elected in December of 1955, the first commissioners were William Penrod, Steward Tookey, Neal Holtz, James Wilson, and Raymond Selman; and

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WHEREAS, In June of 1956, the Park District agreed to lease a piece of land located at the corner of Canfield and Wilson Avenue known as "Norridge Manor Field" for a period of one year; two ball fields and an ice skating rink were erected there; and

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WHEREAS, In December of 1956, the Park District acquired 20.3 acres of property from the Shapiro brothers at a purchase price of \$6,000 per acre; the land was named "Norridge Community Park" and development began immediately with the building of two ball fields and an ice skating rink; football goal posts were added and the first organized recreational programming began in September of 1957 with the opening of the football season; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout the years, a fieldhouse and playground were built, a pool was added, and a warming house with washrooms was constructed in the center of the Park District; and

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WHEREAS, Expansion of recreational services continued to grow as the population and service area increased; in the 1980s, the Park District Board began a 25 year planning process

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1 that included multiple additions and changes to the Park
2 District; the commitment of the Park District Board to serving
3 the Norridge area continues today; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we recognize the 50th anniversary of the Norridge Park
7 District; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Norridge Park District as an expression of our
10 esteem.